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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, $June\ 4,\ 2002.$

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

 $\mbox{ J. Dennis Hastert,} \\ \mbox{ Speaker of the House of Representatives.} \\$

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, You know our comings and our goings, You create an awareness of the inner world, as well as the mystery of everything external that contains the energy of life.

As Members of Congress return today to do their work, be with them in every decision which will guide our Nation's health and purpose.

Bent over by our memorializing this past week, we lean into Your mercy. For to remember brings to mind our bloody past as well as the victory of freedom over oppression. Images of planes, cemeteries and graduations combine to raise questions regarding the fulness of life and the weight of justice.

Distant memory of war-filled veterans dance with near vibrant figures of 9-11's victims as the House re-members itself. Make us a living body of hope in a world gripped by fear of numbers beyond zero, disgusted by continuing retaliations and rumors of mountain war.

May memorial bring to life Your steadfast love to guide our destiny now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROEMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1366. An Act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 3101 West Sunflower Avenue in Santa Ana, California, as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building".

H.R. 1374. An Act to designate the facility of United States Postal Service located at 600 Calumet Street in Lake Linden, Michigan, as the "Philip E. Ruppe Post Office Building".

H.R. 3789. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2829 Commercial Way in Rock Springs, Wyoming, as the "Teno Roncalio Post Office Building".

H.R. 3960. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3719 Highway 4 in Jay, Florida, as the "Joseph W. Westmoreland Post Office Building".

H.R. 4486. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1590 East Joyce Boulevard in Fayetteville, Arkansas, as the "Clarence B. Craft Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment

in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3009. An Act to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1983. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York, as the "John A. 'Jack' Shea Post Office Building".

S. Con. Res. 109. Concurrent resolution commemorating the independence of East Timor, and for other purposes.

DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR ON TODAY

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

PERMANENT DEATH TAX REPEAL

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in politics, money often equals power. When Washington takes more money from the American people, the government becomes more powerful and the people lose just as much control over their own lives.

A year ago, Congress took the dramatic step of returning power to the people. We passed the largest tax relief package since the Reagan administration, and it was relief that benefitted

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